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SUBJ: COMORO ISLANDS

1. ITALIAN EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY MELANI JULY 24 VOLUNTEERED TO DCM THAT DELEGATION PRESENTING ITSELF AS REPRESENTING NEWLY INDEPENDENT COMORO ISLANDS HAD RECENTLY CALLED AT ITALIAN EMBASSY. COMORO DELEGATION IN PROCESS OF CONTACTING MANY EMBASSIES IN DAR ES SALAAM AND AMERICANS SHOULD ANTICIPATE VISIT.

2. MELANI SAID COMORO ISLANDERS STATE THEIR COUNTRY HAS DECLARED ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM FRANCE, IS SEEKING BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND SUPPORT FOR UN MEMBERSHIP. MALANI REPLIED "SYMPATHETICALLY

BUT NON-COMMITTALLY" AND PROMISED TO PROMPTLY REPORT THEIR APPROACH TO ROME.

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3. MELANI DESCRIBED

HIMSELF AS PERSONALLY UNSYMPATHETIC TO FRANCE'S LAST MINUTE ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT HISTORIC, RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MAYOTTE AND OTHER ISLANDS TO RETAIN MILITARY BASE OPTION THERE. FRENCH REALIZE THEIR DAYS ARE NUMBERED IN DJIBOUTI AND ARE SEEKING ALTERNATIVE TO BECOMING DEPENDENT ON SOUTH AFRICA PORTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THEIR FLEET WHICH IS "LARGEST IN INDIAN OCEAN" TO FURTHER PRETENSE OF BEING WORLD POWER.

4. MELANI HOPED ROME WOULD NOT CREATE FUTURE DIFFICULTIES FOR ITSELF BY APPEARING TO IGNORE COMORIANS AT THEIR MOST SENSITIVE MOMENT FOR FEAR OF OFFENDING FRENCH. MELANI UNDER IMPRESSION MOST AFRICAN NATIONS REPRESENTED IN DAR HAVE ANNOUNCED RECOGNITION OF INDEPENDENT COMORO AS HAS TANGOV.

5. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY DEPARTMENT, SHOULD EMBASSY BE QUERIED BY COMORO DELEGATION WE WILL RELY AS DID ITALIANS PARA TWO SUPRA.
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